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[redacted] (telephone number [redacted])  
 [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible Federal violation in connection with Perjury statutes. [redacted] noted that the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida (SDF), [redacted]

[redacted] Major General (retired) JOHN K. SINGLAUB since 1987, specifically in reference to a civil RICO suit brought against him and twenty-eight (28) other defendants by [redacted] who is [redacted]  
 Both of these individuals are represented by an attorney named [redacted] who is associated with a so called center for law and public policy named the CHRISTIC INSTITUTE headquartered in Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] stated on May 30, 1984, [redacted] attended a news conference at La Penca, Nicaragua, held by an individual named EDEN PASTORA who was then the leader of a Nicaraguan Contra force known as the REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (ARDE). During the conference a bomb was detonated leaving eight (8) dead and twenty-eight (28) wounded. Among those individuals injured in the blast were PASTORA, the apparent target of an assassination attempt, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated [redacted] assisted by [redacted] subsequently accused SINGLAUB and the other defendants of being involved in a conspiracy to assassinate PASTORA. They further alleged that the defendants not only were involved in illegal acts designed to overthrow the government of Nicaragua but were participants in an alleged criminal RICO enterprise, a "secret team", whose main objectives were to formulate assassinations, smuggle weapons to various insurgent forces located throughout the world and to engage in illicit drug trafficking activities. This alleged conspiracy began in 1959 and continued through Contragate and involved former high ranking

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dated July 20, 1988, to the court summarizing what several of [redacted] purported witnesses claim is their actual knowledge relating to the events detailed in the amended complaint. He stated these witnesses have provided their own affidavits which diametrically oppose what [redacted] claimed they informed him as detailed in his affidavit. Among those witnesses named in his [redacted] affidavit of noteworthy importance are [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated SINGLAUB does not intend to file a libel suit against [redacted] and/or the plaintiffs as he feels that should he win a monetary judgment it would be uncollectable and that such an action would only provide [redacted] and the CHRISTIC INSTITUTE with unwarranted publicity which they would surely capitalize for their own benefit.

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[redacted] stated the plaintiffs' amended complaint and [redacted] affidavit specifically accused SINGLAUB of the following criminal activities:

I. AMENDED COMPLAINT

(1) Between March, 1984, and May, 1984, Defendants JOHN K. SINGLAUB [redacted] operating through such businesses as GRAY AND COMPANY, IDEA, INC., the United States Council on World Freedom and the World Anti-Communist League joined the enterprise by conspiring to provide money for the purchase of explosives and arms by the enterprise for shipment to Costa Rica which they knew and intended to be used for committing terrorist acts of arson and murder against persons in Nicaragua.

(2) Between March, 1984, and May, 1984, the enterprise consisting of SINGLAUB and other defendants conspired to purchase and, operating through businesses such as ORCA SUPPLY COMPANY and CSF INVESTMENTS LTD., did unlawfully purchase and transport arms and explosives knowing they would be used for the enterprise's terrorist activities including murder and arson.

(3) On May 30, 1984, the enterprise consisting of SINGLAUB and other defendants did cause, by and through Defendant [redacted] an agent of the enterprise, the bombing of a press conference held by EDEN PASTORA just across the Costa Rican border at La Penca, Nicaragua.

(4) In December, 1984, the aforesaid enterprise consisting of all the defendants formed a second plan and conspiracy to murder EDEN PASTORA.

(5) Between May, 1985, and April, 1986, the enterprise consisting of all the defendants made threats to murder the plaintiffs and the plaintiffs' news source.

(6) Between September, 1983, and the date of this complaint, the enterprise consisting of all defendants smuggled Colombian cocaine and other prescribed drugs into the United States on multiple occasions.

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## II. [redacted] AFFIDAVIT

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(1) This public organization [redacted] by contacting General JOHN K. SINGLAUB, who, in turn, set up the United States Council on World Freedom and began publicly raising funds for the Contras. In fact, General SINGLAUB raised money inside the United States which was directed, by him, to be deposited by contributors in a Grand Cayman bank for use in the purchasing of weapons and explosives for the Contras. SINGLAUB also travelled to Central America [redacted] and personally facilitated providing one [redacted] to the Contras, who trained Contras in the construction of C-4 anti-personnel bombs exactly like the one which was used to bomb the La Penca press conference. In fact, Plaintiffs' Counsel has been informed by [redacted] that Defendant SINGLAUB and [redacted] [redacted] directly provided [redacted] to Defendant [redacted] who helped Defendant [redacted] construct the very C-4 bomb which [redacted] used to blow up the May, 1984, EDEN PASTORA press conference. [redacted] is [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted]

(2) From 1966, to 1968, the commander of the Special Operations Group, which supervised the political assassination program in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, was Defendant General JOHN K. SINGLAUB. Serving under SINGLAUB for a period at the end of 1968 was a young Second Lieutenant by the name of OLIVER NORTH.

[redacted] stated SINGLAUB has denied the plaintiffs' and [redacted] allegations. He stated, on the other hand, SINGLAUB has admitted to Congress that he previously provided humanitarian aid to the Contras in addition to arranging for the sale and delivery of weapons to the Contras from an Eastern Bloc country through an intermediary. This latter act was not a violation of the Bolund Amendment or any other Federal statute.

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[redacted] stated he feels [redacted] affidavit contains purjurious information which he willfully and knowingly submitted to the United States District Court in the SDF. He stated to point out and illuminate the descrepancies and falsehoods in [redacted] affidavit, he [redacted] submitted his own affidavit,

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government and military officials (such as General RICHARD SECORD and Lieutenant Colonel OLIVER NORTH), [redacted] DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) operatives, Colombian drug traffickers and arms merchants operating in South Florida, Cuba, Central and South America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. [redacted] alleged that these activities violated the Boland Amendment, the Neutrality Act and the Arms Export Control Act.

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[redacted] stated in support of the plaintiffs' amended complaint filed in the SDF on October 3, 1986, lead attorney [redacted] filed with the court an affidavit summarizing the supposed testimony of seventy-nine (79) witnesses (identified by number only). [redacted] claimed these witnesses would prove, through eyewitness accounts and supporting evidence, that the defendants were responsible for the La Penca bombing in addition to the illegal and criminal activities of the "secret team" spanning a period of approximately thirty (30) years.

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[redacted] stated during the judicial process United States District Judge JAMES L. KING, ordered [redacted] to reveal the names of the seventy-nine (79) witnesses. [redacted] after exhausting the appellate process, finally complied with Judge KING's order, however, the court found his disclosure extremely lacking. He stated Judge KING pointed out that "the names and identities of approximately twenty (20) of the seventy-nine (79) witnesses were totally unknown to [redacted] or the plaintiffs". Judge KING went on to point out that "several of the disclosed witnesses later stated under oath that they did not know [redacted] [redacted] had never spoken to him or flatly denied the statements he had attributed to him in his affidavit".

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[redacted] stated the plaintiffs' and [redacted] allegations against SINGLAUB and the other defendants, as concern the La Penca bombing and the overall conspiracy involving the activities of the "secret team", were found by Judge KING to be "based upon unsubstantiated rumor and speculation from unidentified sources with no first hand knowledge". This finding moved Judge KING to order on June 23, 1988, summary judgment on behalf of the defendants. Judge KING further ordered the plaintiffs, [redacted] and the CHRISTIC INSTITUTE to pay in excess of \$1,000,000.00 to the defendants to cover their legal expenses.

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